



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board

Notice of Meetings – November 2015

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act 5 U.S.C. App. 2 that the subcommittees of the Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board (JBL/CS SMRB) will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the dates indicated below (unless otherwise listed):

Subcommittee	Date	Location
Surgery -----	November 18, 2015	Corporation for Enterprise Development
Infectious Diseases-B -----	November 19, 2015	American College of Surgeons
Nephrology -----	November 19, 2015	National Postal Museum, Blount Center
Hematology -----	November 20, 2015	*VA Central Office
Cellular and Molecular Medicine	November 23, 2015	VA Central Office
Infectious Diseases-A -----	November 23, 2015	US Access Board

The addresses of the meeting sites are:

American College of Surgeons, 20 F Street, NE, Washington, DC

Corporation for Enterprise Development, 1200 G Street, NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC

National Postal Museum, Blount Center, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Washington, DC

US Access Board, 1331 F Street, NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC

VA Central Office, 1100 First Street, NE, Suite 600, Washington, DC

\*Teleconference

The purpose of the subcommittees is to provide advice on the scientific quality, budget, safety and mission relevance of investigator-initiated research proposals submitted for VA merit review evaluation. Proposals submitted for review include diverse medical specialties within the general areas of biomedical, behavioral, and

clinical science research.

The subcommittee meetings will be closed to the public for the review, discussion, and evaluation of initial and renewal research proposals. However, the JBL/CS SMRB teleconference meeting will be open to the public; date, time and location will be announced later.

The closed subcommittee meetings involve discussion, examination, and reference to staff and consultant critiques of research proposals. Discussions will deal with scientific merit of each proposal and qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Additionally, premature disclosure of research information could significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action regarding the research proposals. As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended by Public Law 94-409, closing the subcommittee meetings is in accordance with title 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (6) and (9)(B).

Those who would like to obtain a copy of the minutes from the closed subcommittee meetings and rosters of the subcommittee members should contact Alex Chiu, Ph.D., Manager, Merit Review Program (10P9B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, at (202) 443-5672 or email at [alex.chiu@va.gov](mailto:alex.chiu@va.gov).

Dated: October 22, 2015.

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